

device (7), and said base part having disengageable front and rear boot and/or sole holders (8, 9) ~~which are~~ arranged on the standing and/or carrying plate (5) ~~and which, in a use position, interact~~ said base part having a use position interactable in a form-fitting manner with mating surfaces or elements (18, 22) on the boot and/or boot sole, ~~and fix these essentially~~ said surfaces or elements firmly fixable on the standing and/or carrying plate, ~~it being the case that~~ the rear sole holders (9) ~~can be adjusted~~ being adjustable into a release position counter to the adjustable resistance of a second latching arrangement (13), ~~which is~~ separate from the first latching device (7), ~~and/or the~~ front boot and/or sole holders (8) ~~are locked~~ lockable within a predetermined angle-of-rotation region of the standing and/or carrying plate (5), at least essentially without affecting the resistance of the first latching device (7), and are unlocked outside the region of rotation.

2. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear sole holders (9) ~~can be disengaged essentially~~ disengageable only in the vertical direction.

3. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the standing and/or carrying plate (5) on the base part (2) is assigned a moment support (41) by means of which torques which act on the standing and/or carrying plate (5) in respect of a transverse axis are converted into torques in respect of the vertical axis of the standing and/or carrying plate (5), which assist the standing and/or carrying plate (5) to rotate further about the vertical axis, as soon as the standing and/or carrying plate leaves a central position, or a central position region, with rotation about its vertical axis.

4. (Original) The ski binding as claimed in claim 3, wherein the moment support is effective when the skier falls in the forward direction.

5. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein the moment support is effective when the skier falls in the rearward direction.

6. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the rear boot and/or sole holders (9) have a latchable release position, from which they can be adjusted into the use position, when the skier steps into the binding, by interaction with at least one stop (19) on the boot.
7. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the rear boot and/or sole holders (9) are assigned a manually actuatable actuating lever (14).
8. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the rear boot and/or sole holders (9) can be pivoted about a transverse axis.
9. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the front boot and/or sole holders (8) can be pivoted about essentially horizontal longitudinal axes.
10. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the front boot and/or sole holders (8) are arranged such that they can be pivoted about essentially vertical axes.
11. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the base part is ~~designed as~~ a base plate (2) ~~which bears~~ bearing the standing and/or carrying plate (5) ~~and which is connected at its~~ the front end to a bearing part (3), ~~which is mounted on the ski and/or can be fitted firmly on the ski, such that it can be pivoted~~ pivotable about a transverse ski axis, and ~~which can be arrested firmly on the ski at its~~ the rear end by means of a further bearing part (4).
12. (Currently Amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 11, wherein the further bearing part (4) ~~can be~~ adjusted between a locked position of the base plate ~~in which the base plate (2) is locked~~ and an unlocked position of ~~one in which the base plate (2) is released~~.

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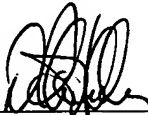
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT - REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is to enhance clarity and conformance with U.S. patent practice. The original claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and place the claims in conformance with U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, prosecution on the merits hereof is respectfully requested.

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